

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF GOLD
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantity of Gold production and Gold reserves in the country alongwith its value, separately during each of the last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the quantum of Gold imports in the country every year; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to boost the production of gold so as to reduce its imports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a): As per the information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM), gold production in the country alongwith its value during the last three years, is given below:-

GOLD PRODUCTION AND VALUE FOR LAST 3 YEARS

(Quantity in Kgs., value in Rs.`000)

State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (P)
Quan- tity	Value tity	Quan- tity	Value tity

1.Primary Gold 3526 1943016 2880 2700033 2363 2171616

(i) Karnataka 3501 1927316 2846 2677014 2336 2146553

(ii)Jharkhand 25 15700 34 23019 27 25063

2Secondary Gold#
(Jharkhand) 0 0 167 122763 127 117513
3.By Product##
(Gujarat) 5154 3108093 6710 4518311 10335 9393789

: Gold is recovered as by product from copper slime

P : Provisional

: By product recovered from imported raw material

The State-wise details of reserve/resources of gold are available in Indian Minerals Year Book, published by Indian Bureau of Mines, a copy of which has been supplied to the Parliament library.

(b): The import of gold in the last few years has been in the range of 700-800 tonnes per annum. Year wise import of gold, as informed by Director General of Foreign Trade, during last 3 years is as follows :-

2004-05	-	782.86	tonnes
2005-06	-	723.79	tonnes
2006-07	-	715.80	tonnes

(c): Apart from regional exploration of gold undertaken by Geological Survey of India (GSI), detailed exploration for gold in 39 prospects has been done by Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) since its inception in 1972. Central Government has also been giving prior approvals for grant of reconnaissance permits for regional exploration and prospecting licenses for detailed exploration of gold to various applicants, including private companies.